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MEMORANDUM

To: Legislative Oversight Committee Members
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From: Mike Moseley

**Re: Communication Bulletin #044
Final Policy-Provider Endorsement**



With the implementation of the new Medicaid State Plan for Rehabilitation Option services, all providers of Medicaid covered mh/dd/sa services will directly enroll in the Medicaid program through the Division of Medical Assistance. In order to ensure providers have the appropriate qualifications prior to enrollment, we have designed a process that will require providers to be endorsed by the Local Management Entity (LME) as a prerequisite for Medicaid enrollment. Endorsement will be a verification and quality assurance using statewide criteria. This process was previously released in a draft version in Communication Bulletin #37 dated April 22, 2005.

The attached Policy and Procedure for Endorsement of Providers of Medicaid Reimbursable MH/DD/SA Services completes the process for establishing the framework for endorsement actions by the LME. The policy includes information on the services for which endorsement will be required. All LMEs, with the exception of Piedmont Behavioral Healthcare (Cabarrus, Davidson, Rowan, Stanly and Union counties) which is now operating under special Medicaid waivers approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), will follow this statewide policy.

Attached are the final standardized documents, the Policy and Procedures for Endorsement, the Application for Endorsement to be submitted by the Provider and the Agreement (MOA) to be signed by the LME and Provider.

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